WHEREAS, since earliest days when Swiss came to the support of our struggle for independence, the friendship between the Swiss and the United States has survived every test by stress; and

WHEREAS, in times of war between 1939 and 1945, neutral Switzerland took over custody of United States affairs in many enemy nations, including Bulgaria, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Indo-China, Italy, Japan, Rumania, Thailand and Vichy France; and

WHEREAS, in 1944 and 1945 representatives of the United States found Swiss soil hospitable to attempts to arrange peace; and

WHEREAS, Switzerland, in Havana, has shouldered United States responsibilities in Cuba in treatment of captives, negotiation of exchanges, as well as unavoidable communications between the two hostile governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, take pleasure once again in saluting Swiss independence and democracy on their National Day, August 1, and convey greetings of the citizens of this state to all citizens of Switzerland, in recognition of a friendship well tested by stress in this turbulent world.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 22 day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixtyseven.

NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE